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Division of Drinking Water

November 12, 2015

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Diamond Mountain Golf Club
c/o City of Susanville
66 N. Lassen Street
Susanville, CA 96130

TRANSMITTAL OF CITATION NO. 01-05-15(C)-017

Attn: Dan Newton, Public Works Director

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, has issued Diamond Mountain Golf Club a citation, which is attached.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Katie Connaughton at (530) 224-4870 or me at (530) 224-4800.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. McNamara".

Michael J. McNamara, P.E.
Lassen District Engineer
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Enclosures: Citation No. 01-02-15(C)-017

cc: Richard Hinrichs, P.E. Chief – Northern California Section, DDW, Redding
Lassen County Environmental Health Director, Susanville

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**CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,
TITLE 22, SECTION 64426.1 - WATER SYSTEM NO. 1800528
C I T A T I O N N O . 01-02-15(C)017
Issued on November 12, 2015**

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the issuance of a citation to a public water system for violation of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270) (hereinafter "California SDWA"), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues a citation to the City of

1 Susanville Diamond Mountain Golf Club (hereinafter, Golf Club), located in Susanville,
2 for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 64426.1.

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4 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

5 **Section 116650 of California Health and Safety Code provides:**

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7 (a) If the Division determines that a public water system is in violation of
8 this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted
9 thereunder, the Division may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation
10 shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service
11 shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of
12 the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery
13 of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

14 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the
15 violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order,
16 citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

17 (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the
18 condition constituting the violation.

19 (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in
20 subdivision (e).

21 (e) The Division may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one
22 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for
23 each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for
24 each violation.

1 **California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64426.1, subsection (b)**
2 **provides, in relevant part:**

3 (b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL [maximum
4 contaminant level] when any of the following occurs:

5 (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40 samples per
6 month, more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during any
7 month are total coliform-positive; or

8 (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per
9 month, more than one sample collected during any month is total
10 coliform-positive; or

11 (3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive; or

12 (4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-
13 positive routine sample is total coliform-positive.
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15 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

16 The Golf Club operates a water system with three active services connections in
17 Susanville. The Golf Club is owned and operated by the City of Susanville. The
18 water system serves an 18-hole golf course that is open from February through
19 October. There is a transient population of about 57 and one year round resident.
20 The water system includes two active groundwater wells [Well 01 – Wingfield (east)
21 and Well 02 – Circle (west)] that operate year round. Continuous chlorination is not
22 provided. Well 01 serves a drinking fountain and a private residence along the
23 eastern portion of the golf course and Well 02, located near the club house, serves
24 the club house, restaurant, and the newest portion of the golf course.
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26 The Golf Club is required to collect two routine bacteriological water samples each
27 month, representative of the Well 01 and Well 02 distribution systems. On September



1 16, 2015, the Golf Club collected one bacteriological sample from the Kitchen Hand
2 washing sink (representing Well 02) and one sample from the East Side Southern
3 Faucet (representing Well 01). The Kitchen Hand washing sink sample was present
4 for total coliform bacteria and absent of E. Coli. On September 17, 2015, the Golf
5 Club collected four repeat bacteriological samples from the water system from the
6 Well 02 source. Samples were collected from the Kitchen Hand-washing Sink, the
7 North Outside Faucet, the South Outside Faucet, and Well 02 Circle (west). Each of
8 the four samples was total coliform positive and E. coli negative. The Golf Club
9 contacted the Division of Drinking Water on September 17, 2015 to notify the Division
10 of the total coliform positive sample results and plans to chlorinate the well. The Golf
11 Club treated Well 02 on September 18, 2015 with chlorine. The Golf Course began
12 flushing the distribution system on September 21, 2015 and ceased flushing on
13 September 23, 2015 until no residual chlorine was detected in the distribution system,
14 then collected five samples from the following locations: Kitchen Hand-washing Sink,
15 North Outside Faucet, South Outside Faucet, and two samples from Well 02 – Circle
16 West. Each of these samples were absent for total coliform bacteria.

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18 The Golf Course collected four more samples on September 30, 2015 from the
19 Kitchen Hand Washing Sink, North Outside Faucet, South Outside Faucet, and Well
20 02 Circle (with pump running). Each of the four samples was total coliform positive
21 and E. Coli negative. On October 1, 2015, the Division directed the Golf Course to
22 chlorinate the well to a concentration of at least 50 ppm, cease water service until
23 safe for consumption, provide signage notifying customers that the water is currently
24 not safe due to high levels of chlorine, and to disinfect the distribution system with
25 water containing a free chlorine residual between 2 parts per million (ppm) to 5 ppm.
26 On October 7, 2015, the Golf Course collected six bacteriological samples (three
27 samples from Well 02 Circle West, one from the North Outside Faucet, one from the

1 South Outside Faucet, and one from the Kitchen Hand Sink). Each of these samples
2 were absent for coliform bacteria. The Golf Course collected two more samples on
3 October 21 and October 30, 2015, from the Kitchen hand washing sink and the east
4 side southern faucet respectively; each were absent of total coliform bacteria.

5 6 DETERMINATION

7 The Division has determined that the Golf Club violated Section 64426.1, Title 22 of
8 the CCR, in that the Golf Club exceeded the total coliform MCL during the month of
9 September 2015.

10 11 DIRECTIVES

12 The Golf Club is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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- 14 1. Comply with 64426.1, Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring periods.
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 - 16 2. Within 30 days of the issuance of this Citation, but in no case later than
17 **December 15, 2015**, notify all persons served by the Golf Club of the MCL
18 violation as required by Section 64463.4 and Section 64465, Title 22, of the
19 CCR. The notification contained in Attachment 'A' shall be provided to
20 customers using each of the following methods:
 - 21 a. Publication in a local newspaper, and
 - 22 b. Posting in conspicuous public places within the service area.
 - 23 3. Complete and return Attachment 'B' "Certification of Completion of Public
24 Notification" form within 10 days of giving public notice. A copy of the notice
25 used to provide notification shall be attached to the form.
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1 All documents required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division to the
2 following address:

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4 Michael J. McNamara, P. E.
5 Lassen District Engineer
6 State Water Resources Control Board
7 Division of Drinking Water
8 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101
9 Redding, CA 96002
10 (530) 224-4800
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12 As used in this Citation, the date of issuance shall be the date of this Citation; and the
13 date of service shall be the date of service of this Citation, personal or by certified
14 mail, on the Water System.
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16 Nothing in this Citation relieves the Golf Club of its obligation to meet the
17 requirements of Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California
18 Safe Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or
19 adopted thereunder.
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21 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it may
22 deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be
23 issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.
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25 **PARTIES BOUND**

26 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Golf Club, its officers, directors,
27 shareholders, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.
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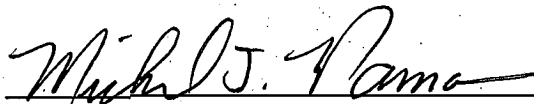
The Directives of this Citation are severable, and the Golf Club shall comply with each and every provision thereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue a citation with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the Board; and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the Board. The Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

November 12, 2015

Date



Michael J. McNamara, Lassen District Engineer
Northern California Section
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board

Attachments:

- 'A': Public Notification: *Important Information About Your Drinking Water*
- 'B': Certification of Completion



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

City of Susanville Diamond Mountain Golf Club
Had Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

What happened? What was done?

The Golf club is required to collect two routine bacteriological water samples per month. On September 16, 2015, one of these samples was total coliform positive. The Golf club collected four repeat samples on September 17, 2015, including one sample from Well 02. All four samples were positive for total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may contain coliform bacteria. The Golf Club treated the well source and the distribution system with chlorine. Five additional samples were collected on September 23, 2015. There were no coliform bacteria detected in any of these samples; however four additional samples were collected on September 30, 2015, all of which were positive for total coliform bacteria. The Division of Drinking Water directed the Golf Course to temporarily cease supplying water in order to allow the Golf Course to "shock chlorinate" the well and flush the distribution system with a higher concentration of chlorine. After flushing, the water system collected six bacteriological samples on October 7, 2015, all of which were absent of total coliform bacteria. Two additional samples were collected on October 21 and October 30, 2015. These samples also were absent of total coliform bacteria. The cause of the contamination has not been determined. The water system will continue to collect samples to test for coliform bacteria. While the Golf Course is closed for the winter, the City will continue to investigate the source of contamination and make any necessary repairs.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's water source or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing. Further testing will continue to ensure that this problem is resolved.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

For more information, please contact Dan Newton, Susanville Public Works Director at (530) 257-1041 or City of Susanville, 66 N. Lassen Street, Susanville, CA 96130.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly you can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Citation Number: **01-02-15(C)-017**

Name of Water System: **City of Susanville
Diamond Mountain Golf Club**

System Number: **1800528**

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I certify that the users of the water supplied by this water system were notified of the violations of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) for the compliance period of September 2015. In addition, I certify that the Diamond Mountain Golf Club complied with the directives of this citation as indicated below:

Required Action

Date Completed

Public Notification, as required by Directive 2(a)

Public Notification, as required by Directive 2(b)

Signature of Water System Representative

Date

Attach a copy of the notice published in a local newspaper, and at public places.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER
THAN DECEMBER 15, 2015**

Disclosure: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.